

Frequently Asked Questions: Life Support Agency Equipment & Supplies

Below are questions and clarification of those questions regarding the updated equipment and supplies list that went into effect April 1, 2013.

- 1. Under Airway it lists Bag Valve Mask-hand operated self-expanding bags and underneath it lists Bag Valve Masks w/O2 ports. Are these a different kind of BVM or are they one in the same?**

This has been updated this to meet the national guidelines. The Bag Valve Masks with O2 ports have been removed.

The Bag Valve Mask hand operated self-expanding bags has language added that states: "Hand operated self-expanding bags – child (450-750 ml) (1) & adult (>1000 ml) (1) with oxygen reservoir/accumulator, valve (clear, operable in cold weather); and mask (adult, child, infant & neonate sizes)".

- 2. Will small foil blankets (those included w/OB kit) be acceptable to cover the thermal blanket requirement?**

No, a full size blanket is required which may include: thermal absorbent, aluminum foil roll or appropriate heat reflective material.

- 3. What constitutes thermal absorbent blanket? Will foam blankets suffice?**

Must be defined as "thermal absorbent" to help minimize heat loss.

- 4. Thermometer, how low does it need to go?**

A hypothermic thermometer is recommended.

- 5. Flashlights – what kind?**

Any kind of flashlight will suffice w/extra batteries and bulbs.

- 6. Syringes – 1cc (can we use a 10cc if it has a 1cc measurement?)**

This was updated to meet the national guidelines. The sizes 10-12 cc and 1cc was removed and changed to "various sizes" (2).

- 7. Is the butterfly catheter requirement in addition to the IO requirement?**

The Pediatric Butterfly/Scalp Needles have been removed and needles of various sizes added.

- 8. IV catheters – Clarification that need only 4 sizes and have 4 of those 4 sizes. Can this vary and be split?**

Must have 4 of those 4 sizes, can not deviate.

9. Epi Pens- The list states 2, does this mean 2 adult and 2 child?

No, you only need 1 adult and 1 child.

10. Will the monitor-based capnography be sufficient to meet the End Tidal requirement for Intubation?

This has been changed to state: End/tidal Co2 detection capability, either quantitative capnography (1) or colormetric in sizes adult and pediatric (2).

11. Under IV – IO Needles, what size gauge needles are required for Adult /Pediatric?

Any size as long as you have an adult and a pediatric size.

12. Under Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator, if no pediatric defib pads, can adult pads be used if in an anterior/posterior placement?

Yes this is acceptable.